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Docket No. 7157-481

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Schlieffers et al.
Filed: Concurrently Group Art Unit: TBA
Serial No: TBA Examiner: TBA
For: HAND-HELD ACQUISITION DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Prior to Examination of this application, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the application to include the abstract attached herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 10-27 and 31-35.

Please replace claims 1 and 28 with Amended claims, shown below in their amended form:

1. (Amended) A hand held terminal for optically scanning coded information, comprising:
an electronic housing having a major axis, an intermediate axis and a minor axis and an optical scanning device mounted at a first longitudinal end thereof with respect to said major axis;
a multi-line information display arranged on a top surface of said electronic housing, said display facing in a direction corresponding to said minor axis;
a handle comprising a handgrip having a handle axis and extending outwardly from said electronic housing at a second longitudinal end thereof, said handle axis forming an angle of approximately 0 to 45 degree from said major axis and being perpendicular to said intermediate axis; and
an operator control arranged on said top surface adjacent said second end of said electronic housing for operation by the thumb of a user on a hand grasping the handle.

28. (amended) An electronic assembly for a hand-held data acquisition terminal comprising:
a lower housing member having an upper opening and a handle section;
an upper housing member arranged to close said upper opening and including a display window.
a chassis arranged to be mechanically mounted between said lower and upper housing members, said chassis having upper and lower recesses;
a display mounted in said upper recess of said chassis and facing said display window;
a first circuit mounted in said lower recess of said chassis; and

10 a second circuit mounted to said chassis and covering said lower recess and said first
11 circuit mounted therein.

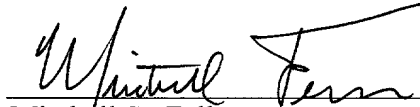
Claim 1 has been amended to remove the term "ovoid" from the end of line 27 and to specify that the thumb is on the hand grasping the handle of the device. Claim 28 has been amended to specify, in line 3, that the housing member has "a handle section" to allow claim 28 to be grouped with claim 1 and avoid a restriction requirement such as was issued in the parent application.

Entry of this amendment and an early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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